

HENDERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ALL **MEDIA** CALLS REGARDING CORONAVIRUS SHOULD BE ROUTED TO 828-694-6064

ALL **CLINICAL** CALLS RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS SHOULD BE ROUTED 828-694-6019

NC CORONAVIRUS HOTLINE: 1-866-462-3821

Report Type: Weekly Situation Report	Report Status: Interim Update																
Report Creation Date/Time: Date: 03/11/2020	Time: 2030																
Incident Information																	
Jurisdiction: Henderson County																	
Incident Name: COVID 19	Report Preparer Name: Anita Glance																
General Situation																	
Background: There is an expanding outbreak of COVID-19 caused by a novel (new) coronavirus. The outbreak began in China but is spreading worldwide. Initially, many of the patients reportedly had some link to a large seafood and animal market, suggesting animal-to-person spread. Since then, sustained (ongoing) person-to-person spread in the community is occurring in some international locations. The newly emerged COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that seems to be spreading much like flu. It can spread from person-to-person. The new virus can cause illness varying from mild to severe.																	
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- CDC Travel Warnings <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>:

CDC Travel Warning	Countries
Entry to US of foreign nationals suspended	China Iran
Countries with “widespread sustained (ongoing) transmission” Level 3 – Avoid Nonessential Travel	China South Korea Iran Italy
Countries with “sustained (ongoing) transmission” Level 2 - Older adults and those with chronic medical conditions should consider postponing non-essential travel	Japan
Countries with “risk of limited community transmission” Level 1 - travelers should practice usual precautions	Hong Kong

- 3/8/2020 CDC & State Department issue recommendation to defer cruise ship travel and non-essential long plane trips especially for travelers with underlying health issues.
<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/covid-19-cruise-ship>
- HHS Secretary declared a domestic public health emergency on 1/31
- The U.S. government has taken unprecedented steps with respect to travel in response to the growing public health threat posed by this new coronavirus:
 - Effective February 2, 2020 at 5pm, the U.S. government suspended entry of foreign nationals who have been in China within the past 14 days.
 - Effective February 29, 2020 the U.S. government suspended entry of foreign nationals who have been in Iran within the past 14 days.
 - U.S. citizens, residents and their immediate family members who have been in Hubei province and other parts of mainland China are allowed to enter the United States, but they are subject to health monitoring and possible quarantine for up to 14 days.
 - See more at: [“Proclamation on Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Nonimmigrants of Persons who Pose a Risk of Transmitting 2019 Novel Coronavirus”](#).
- Some commercial labs are now conducting tests. CDC provides [recommended criteria](#) to guide decisions on testing, but clinicians will be able to order COVID-19 testing for individuals as they see fit.

NC Situation at time of report:

NC Cases	NC Deaths
8	0

Current NC numbers can be accessed at: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/covid-19-case-count-north-carolina>

- Approval from the NC Public Health Commission was received to make COVID-19 a reportable disease.
- NCSLPH is now conducting testing and will report presumptive positives. Confirmatory testing will still be conducted at CDC for a period of time.

- 3/10/2020 State Emergency Operations Center activated and state of emergency declared in NC.
<https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO116-SOE-COVID-19.pdf>
- Joint Information Center established at the State EOC
- 3/10/2020 The following mitigation measures were recommended for people at higher risk by NCDHHS:
 - Avoid crowds (for example concerts, sporting events, church, etc.)
 - Avoid cruise travel and non-essential air travel
- 3/10/2020 The following measures were recommended by NCDHHS for people in the triangle area:
 - Employers should utilize teleworking whenever possible
- 3/10/2020 NCDHHS recommends event organizers implement lenient refund policies and discourage attendance of anyone who is sick.
- 3/10/2020 NCDHHS does NOT recommend the preemptive closing of schools and daycares.

Henderson County Situation at time of report:

Henderson County Cases	Henderson County Deaths
0	0

Current Henderson County Objectives

1. Protect the health and safety of Henderson County residents by focusing on surveillance, management of PUMs & PUIs, triage, movement, tracking, and laboratory testing. (DPH-EM)
2. Manage information and provide timely messaging to the public and media by utilizing the Henderson County Local Health Information Team. (DPH-EM)
3. Utilizing the Henderson County Epi Team coordinate with internal and external stakeholders for resources and considerations for continued day to day operations. (DPH)
4. Establish response/screening guidelines for EMS, Rescue, Law Enforcement and Fire Service including PPE recommendations. (EMS)
5. Review isolation and quarantine processes and establish guidelines for implementation and enforcement. (DPH-EM)
6. Establish an in-home evaluation process and care plan for patients. (DPH)
7. Provide guidance documents for healthcare providers and other stakeholders. (DPH)
8. Continue to evaluate and coordinate supply chain shortages and needs. (EM)
9. Establish guidelines for Joint Information Center (JIC) operations. (DPH-EM-CM)

Current Henderson County Priorities

1. Direct contact with long term care facilities.
2. Work with NCDPH to disseminate guidance to providers regarding commercial lab testing.
3. Develop and disseminate decision tree (algorithm) to assist provider offices.
4. Develop and disseminate Public Health Guidance (Talking Points) to county departments, community organizations, Epi, LHIT, and meeting participants.

Henderson County Detailed Updates

- 0 confirmed cases
- Last guidance to Henderson County providers sent 3/2/2020
- HCDPH website published 2/5/2020 to include COVID - 19
- Ongoing coordination with and guidance provided to community partners such as EMS and emergency management.
- Situation Report implemented 2/6/2020 (Dissemination to EPI, LHIT, HCDPH Staff)
- As of 2/27/2020 all media calls related to COVID-19 should be directed to extension 6064.

- Beginning 3/2/2020 employees will record COVID-19 activities and time spent in those activities on form ICS-214.
- HCDPH is participating in weekly calls @ 1:00 pm on Tuesdays with NC DHHS and partners
- Beginning Wednesday (3/4/2020), HCDPH will disseminate weekly Situation Reports both internally and with our community partners.
- 3/2/2020 Website Updated to reflect COVID-19, Updated provider guidance, what you can do and fact sheet.
- Weekly SitReps posted to website beginning 3/5/2020
- Epi, LHIT, Community Agency Meeting 3/5/2020
- Emergency Management developing process for resource requests for healthcare providers.
- Henderson County Coronavirus website updated 3/6/2020
- Updated provider guidance and supporting document posted to website and disseminated via email 3/8/2020
- Situation report revised to include guidance updates from CDC and NCDHHS and posted to website 3/8/2020

Important Guidance Updates

CDC

Date	Title	Link
3/10/2020	Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for COVID-19 in the United States	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-for-ems.html
3/10/2020	COVID-19: What Older Adults Need to Know (VIDEO)	https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvrp9iOILTQaJa78zFQ0QgvShQ2HEwHxP
3/10/2020	Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19 Testing at Laboratories	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/testing-laboratories.html
3/10/2020	Healthcare Supply of Personal Protective Equipment	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/healthcare-supply-ppe-index.html
3/10/2020	Interim Guidance for Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-hospitalized-patients.html
3/10/2020	Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/infection-prevention-control-faq.html
3/10/2020	Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Healthcare Settings	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html
3/10/2020	Interim Guidance for Outpatient Hemodialysis Facilities	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/dialysis.html
3/10/2020	Keeping Workplaces, Homes, Schools, or Commercial Establishments Safe	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/workplace-school-and-home-guidance.pdf
3/9/2020	Recommendations for Election Polling Locations	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations.html
3/9/2020	Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons Under Investigation	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/lab/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html

	(PUIs) for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)	
3/9/2020	Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/lab/guidelines-clinical-specimens.html
3/9/2020	Interim Guidance for Homeless Shelters	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/plan-prepare-respond.html
3/9/2020	People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html
3/9/2020	Resources for Institutes of Higher Education	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html
3/8/2020	Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)	https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/2020/han00429.asp
3/8/2020	COVID-19 and Cruise Ship Travel	https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/covid-19-cruise-ship
3/8/2020	Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html
3/7/2020	What law enforcement personnel need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/guidance-law-enforcement.pdf
3/7/2020	People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html
3/7/2020	Interim Clinical Guidance for Management of Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html
3/7/2020	Interim U.S. Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Healthcare Personnel with Potential Exposure in a Healthcare Setting to Patients with Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-risk-assesment-hcp.html
3/6/2020	Information for Health Departments on Reporting a Person Under Investigation (PUI), or Presumptive Positive and Laboratory-Confirmed Cases of COVID-19	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/reporting-pui.html
3/5/2020	Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Exposures: Geographic Risk and Contacts of Laboratory-confirmed Cases	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/risk-assessment.html
3/4/2020	Evaluating and Reporting Persons Under Investigation (PUI)	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html

3/1/2020	Strategies to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF)	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/prevent-spread-in-long-term-care-facilities.html
NCDHHS		
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3/10/2020	NCDHHS Memo to North Carolina Health Care Providers (Updated provider guidance)	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/COVID-19_Provider%20Guidance_031020.pdf
3/10/2020	Guidance for Persons Under Investigation	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/IsolationGuidance_030820.pdf?ver=1.2
3/9/2020	Interim Home Care Guidance for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/nonhealthcare.html
3/9/2020	Interim Guidance for Environmental Cleaning for Non-Healthcare Settings Following Exposure to a Patient with Confirmed or Suspected 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/nonhealthcare.html
3/6/2020	Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Adult Care Homes and Family Care Homes	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/COVID-19%20Memo%20for%20Adult%20Care%20Providers%20FINAL.pdf?ver=1.1
3/6/2020	North Carolina Emergency Management Guidance on considerations of people with disabilities and other access and functional needs for COVID-19	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/COVID-19%20CMIST%20Guidance%20030620.pdf?ver=1.0
3/5/2020	Interim Healthcare Setting Guidance for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Their Healthcare Providers	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/providers.html

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CDC	
Website	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Patients with Known or Patients Under Investigation for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in a Healthcare Setting:	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/infection-control.html
Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities (Education, Businesses, Events, etc.)	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html
Communication Resources	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/index.html

NCDHHS	
General Information Website	https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-response-north-carolina
Guidance for Providers & Others	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/providers.html
Strategies for Scarce Resource Situations	https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/Healthcare%20Guidance%20for%20PPE%20Resource%20Requests.pdf https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/PPE%20Request%20Process.pdf https://epi.dph.ncdhhs.gov/cd/coronavirus/Scarce%20Resource%20Management%20Phases.pdf
NC Coronavirus Public Hotline	1-866-462-3821
HCDPH	
Coronavirus Website	https://www.hendersoncountync.gov/health/page/public-health-advisory-coronavirus-2019-ncov
Communicable Disease Line	Phone: 828-694-6019 Fax: 828-697-4504